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WHAT FROSTS YOUR PUMPKIN



"What frosts my pumpkin? The Greenleaf not accepting debit OR grill cash."

-Dallas Kesler, sophomore

"The one thing that frosts my pumpkin (more than anything else in the universe) is organic chemistry! Try as I might to understand its complexities, there are so many things about organic that make absolutely no sense at all!"

-Sarah Mehta, sophomore

"Having to deal with people who can't drive, but do anyways. That frosts my pumpkin."

-Omar Jasim, CCE Student

"It really frosts my pumpkin when people don't actually give me a frosted pumpkin. That sounds delicious."

-Harry Potter, seventh year

"Pumpkins, frosting, and Guilford College -- it might seem strange to have those words in the same sentence."

-Kent Chabotar, President and Professor of Political Science

"Not being able to get my daily fix of chess really frosts my pumpkin!"

-Praveen Suthakaran, Early College student

Credit to the phrase goes to Robert Duncan, visiting assistant professor of political science, who, on a more serious note says that people trying to take away rights from women and minorities is what really frosts his pumpkin.

NOW THAT YOU'VE READ ABOUT THE OPINIONS OF OTHERS -- WHAT FROSTS *YOUR* PUMPKIN? FOR MORE PUMPKIN FROSTING INSIGHTS ON A WEEKLY BASIS, TAKE A COURSE WITH DUNCAN, SUCH AS HIS "AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM."

Have wand, will balance: Hogwarts to send its Minister of Balance and Equilibrium



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Suddenly there's hope for the fog that used to be your mind, with help springing from the tips of familiar wands.

In a joint effort between the Study Abroad program and the Center for Principled Problem Solving, Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry will send its Minister of Balance and Equilibrium to Guilford for the upcoming fall semester in an attempt to manage a number of adverse forces affecting students here.

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It's about time someone addressed that "teetering on

the verge of hysterics" condition wafting through the Quad at any given time.

Students struggling to manage extreme workloads of certain classes, plus their other classes and sleeping, are particularly prone to exhibit signs of pre-hysteria.

When the physical body goes into stress mode, the brain shuts down. Feeling overwhelmed is a one-way ticket to Stressville. And chronic stress is just not good for anybody.

Inability to devote the time needed to do well in all classes due to the relentless demands of one class may

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lead to worry, sleep deprivation, exhaustion, a weakened immune system and a laundry list of mental disorders.

Is that what a liberal arts degree comes down to, testing the limits of the human psyche? We graduated, but we're totally dysfunctional basket cases. Yay!

The Minister hopes to expand some time, suspend some time and otherwise manipulate the space-time continuum to alleviate the above kind of snarky bitching as well.

Some CCE students juggling jobs, family and an insane workload might qualify for a virtual cloning session or wish to participate in a dolphinus dormite incantation.

Benefits of the dolphinus dormite spell include allowing half of the brain to sleep while the other half continues to write papers and study into the wee hours.

The Minister proposes to infuse the atmosphere with an overall sense of well-being to promote balance and equilibrium. Everything in moderation — what a concept.

While the weather stays warm, the Minister will present exercises in alternate time manipulation techniques by the lake. Rumor has it, flying and quidditch will be offered to selected students on a broom-to-broom basis as schedules even out and time can be taken to relax a little.

"We're honored and excited to host the Balance and Equilibrium program," said CPPS Project and Communication Manager Kim Yarbray. "I hope all facets of Guilford will appreciate the magnitude of this opportunity."

A word of caution from the Minister: "We expect the most out of students participating in the Balance and Equilibrium program. We're not here to rescue students or give them a free ride. We are trying to affect a change for the better in the atmosphere in general at Guilford relating to certain manageable issues."

Students will be strongly encouraged not to pester the wizards with mundane magic and cheap tricks at the expense of other students or just for a good giggle.

Asked if the Minister would be working with the Academic Board to possibly develop some guidelines for drawing the line between a healthy learning environment and Navy Seal training, Ministry spokesperson Grey Matters told the Guilfordian via owl mail, "If it were that easy, you wouldn't need our assistance."